

Press Release

A New Masterpiece for the Hamburg hotel scene The TORTUE HAMBURG opens in “Hamburg’s Stadthöfe“

Hamburg, March 2018 - Well-dressed dandies with gaiters. Strollers on Hamburg’s splendour miles. Turtles on a leash as a sign of pure luxury: of having time. The Hanseatic city half a century after Napoleon Bonaparte. And yet quite contemporary: Because the boutique hotel TORTUE HAMBURG [tortüh], (French, "Turtle"), opens its doors in June 2018 and bring a touch of Savoir-vivre to Hamburg. 126 rooms on a total area of 8,500 square meters, location: “Hamburger Stadthöfe“- these are the first facts of the new hotel concept in the centre of Hamburg. But there is much more behind the facts: The feeling of a long-gone time, that Anne-Marie Bauer, Marc Ciunis and Carsten von der Heide want to offer to Hamburgers crowd and guests from all over the world.

For ten years, the project development company “Quantum” has been committed to the “Hamburger Stadthöfe“ project. From the beginning it was clear - a hotel must be included in the planning.

“Via private contacts, Frank Gerhard Schmidt from Quantum approached Carsten, Marc and me and brought us on board. Since then, we have been part of the project with all our heart and soul”, says hotel manager Anne-Marie Bauer. Marc Ciunis and she have been working together for more than 15 years in the hotel and gastronomy business. The industry waited a long time for a new project from these two, but all great things take time.

"We wanted to create something very special, a hotel that is unique and incomparable in Hamburg", says Ciunis. Their goal: A boutique hotel in the centre of Hamburg - modern, comfortable, individual - and historic. A place for Hamburg’s elite.

“We wanted to create an international flair that is cosy and modern at the same time - lived urbanity. The guests should find themselves in their own world, with emphasis on one thing: Time to sharpen the senses for the essentials and details, to dive into life and discover new perspectives. Time to pause and enjoy”, says Anne-Marie Bauer happily.

Kate Hume from Amsterdam, known for the model apartments in the Elbphilharmonie, was won over as interior designer for the rooms, the lobby and the brasserie. Hong Kong-based interior designer and architect Joyce Wang shapes the design of the Asian restaurant - JIN GUI. She is recognized worldwide for her projects in Asia, Europe and the USA. Hamburg-based architect, Stephen Williams Associates, is responsible for the distinct architecture of the historical areas, in cooperation with David Chipperfield Architects, and as interior designer for the bar noir and bar privé.

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"The hotel is a unique blend of gastronomy, hotel business, events and nightlife - where gastronomy clearly stands in the foreground", states the hotel director. Carsten von der Heide, one of the operators, takes over the complete management of the restaurants in collaboration with the respective chefs. "In the brasserie we offer a German-inspired French cuisine. Our guests can look forward to dishes such as seafood platters and steak tartar. The Asian restaurant on the other hand, offers delicacies like Dim Sum, Dumplings, Sushi, Sashimi or so called "sticks". Although it is located in the hotel, it stands for itself and even has a separate entrance", explains the chef.

And, of course, a new "place to be" is to be offered to Hamburg's nightlife public - with a great assortment of bars: the bar bleu, the bar noir with winter garden and outdoor seats in the inner courtyard, as well as the bar privé. "Here, you have the possibility of private and in-house events - absolutely unique in Hamburg", Marc Ciunis proudly announces. Overall, the creators not only promise a new hotel, but moreover, they communicate a general attitude to life. Whether it is drinking a coffee in winter at the bar noir, sipping on a cocktail on the rooftop terrace in spring, enjoying the French ambiance in the beautiful courtyard with a cool cocktail in summer or contemplating about life over a glass of wine and a selection of seafood in the brasserie - every pleasure is to be gratified. Marking a new hotspot for Hamburg's public and a thrilling meeting place for people from all over the world - be it for the length of an espresso, a dinner or an entire weekend at the TORTUE.

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